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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2007.

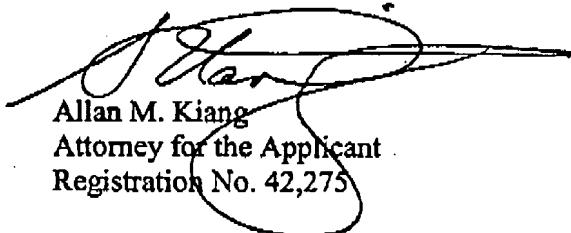
Applicants respectfully note that claims 2 and 3 (corresponding to species (a) and (b)) do not recite that the hybridization blocker oligonucleotide comprises "only" a 3' or 5' sequence, respectively. Rather, claim 2 and 3 recite that the hybridization blocker oligonucleotide "comprises" a 3' or 5' sequence that is not complementary to the first oligonucleotide moiety.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the hybridization blocker oligonucleotides operationally connect the methods of putative species (a), (b) and (c). Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for election of species and request withdrawal of the same.

However, in order to be fully responsive, Applicants elect species (b), directed to a hybridization blocker oligonucleotide having a 5' sequence that is not complementary to the first oligonucleotide moiety.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a request for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. In the event any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The US Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in conjunction with this submission to Deposit Account Number 02-1666, referencing matter number P-6041.

Respectfully submitted,



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